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Draft report of Working Group I on agenda item 4

1. At its 330th meeting, on 1 April 2013, the Disarmament Commission adopted the agenda for its 2013 substantive session (A/CN.10/L.70), and decided to allocate to Working Group I agenda item 4, entitled "Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons".

2. The Working Group, chaired by Naif bin Bandar Al-Sudairy (Saudi Arabia), held 11 meetings, from 3 to 17 April 2013. The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the secretariat of the Working Group. The Office for Disarmament Affairs served as adviser to the Working Group.

3. The Working Group held extensive, though not exhaustive, discussions on agenda item 4.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 3 April 2013, the Chair circulated a non-paper dated 17 April 2012, which served as a basis for discussions on item 4 from 3 to 8 April 2013.

5. At the 4th, 5th and 8th meetings, on 8, 9 and 12 April, the Chair circulated revised versions of the non-paper.

6. At the 4th and 5th meetings, delegations made various proposals and exchanged views on the Chair's non-paper entitled "Recommendations" dated 8 April 2013.

7. At the 6th and 7th meetings, on 10 and 11 April, delegations made various proposals and exchanged views on the Chair's non-paper entitled "Recommendations" dated 9 April 2013.

8. At the 8th meeting, delegations made various proposals and exchanged views on the Chair's non-paper entitled "General guiding elements" dated 12 April 2013.

9. Following discussions in the Working Group on the non-papers, the Chair decided to circulate, at the current session, under his own responsibility and without prejudice to the position of any delegation and its right to put forward further proposals at the next substantive session of the Commission, working papers

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entitled "Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons" (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.2) and "General guiding elements for achieving nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation" (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.3). The working papers do not represent negotiated positions or command consensus and should not set a precedent.

10. At the 9th meeting, on 15 April, delegations made various proposals and exchanged views on the first 10 paragraphs of document A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.2. At the 10th meeting, on 16 April, document A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.3 was presented by the Chair to delegations. No discussion on that document could take place.

11. A compilation of proposals made by Member States on the working papers circulated by the Chair was requested by delegations. All working papers — past, present and future — and the compilation of proposals could be considered as a basis for further deliberations.

12. The following documents were presented to Working Group I:

(a) Working paper submitted by the United States of America (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.1);

(b) Working paper submitted by the Chair (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.2);

(c) Working paper submitted by the Chair (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/WP.3);

(d) Compilation of proposals made by Member States on the working papers submitted by the Chair (A/CN.10/2013/WG.I/CRP.2).

13. The Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Chair and the Secretariat.

14. At its 11th meeting, on 17 April, the Working Group considered and adopted by consensus its report on agenda item 4. It also decided to make available to the 2014 substantive session of the Commission the documents listed in paragraph 12 of the present report.